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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-007894
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4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-185755
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-078006
6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-030693
7. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-224664
8. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-021402
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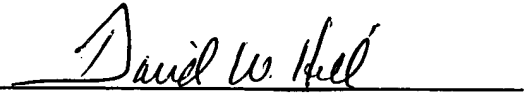
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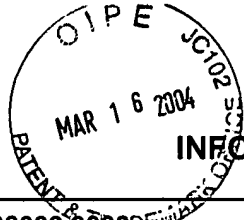
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